

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoshihiro NAKAO et al.

Confirmation No.: 5495

Application No.: 10/791,791

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: James Martinell, Ph.D.

Title: SCREENING METHOD FOR GENES OF BREWING YEAST

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The present paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed June 13, 2008. The present response is timely filed on or before December 15, 2008, by virtue of the concurrently filed petition for a three-month extension of time (December 13, 2008, falls on a Saturday).

Applicants respectfully request the Office to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.